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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, who is unsearchable in Your judgments and in Your ways past finding out, we experience awe before the mystery of Your being and confess that we can say nothing worthy of You. You decide the number of the stars, and call each one by name.

Lord, You have given us the gift of this day, so please help us to use it for Your glory. Continue to keep us from

the whispers of sin and teach us to act wisely.

Guide our Senators in their deliberation. Keep their steps on Your path, and may they not waver from following You. Today, let our words, and even our thoughts, bring You pleasure. We love You, Lord, for You are our strength. We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we will begin an hour of debate prior to the cloture votes on the nomination of Thomas Dorr to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. We hope that cloture will be invoked and allow the Senate to proceed to a vote on the confirmation of this nomination.

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